drug substances) or finished formulation based on safety and efficacy data generated in animal and human as per Schedule-Y to Drugs and Cosmetics Rule, 1945.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals) has informed that the Government laid a statement on the table of the Lok Sabha on 29th March, 1978 containing its decisions on the recommendations of the Committee. Later this came to be known a Drug Policy, 1978.

Manufacture of medicines in developing countries

59. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WHO is pressing for implementation of changes in regulatory mechanism for manufacturers of medicines in developing and poor countries with the objective to weed out the competitiveness of India and China;

(b) if so, the reasons as to why Indian Health Officers have not inspected the companies in the developed countries including China whose drugs are allowed to be imported into India; and

(c) the reasons for laxity of the regulatory authorities in India to impose strict regulatory measures to the units whose drugs were allowed to be imported into India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No Sir. This Ministry is not aware of any recommendation of WHO for changes in regulatory mechanism for manufacturers of medicines. The manufacture and sale of medicines is regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made there under.

(b) Inspections have been carried out in the past in China, when ever required, to ensure that the drugs exported by those manufacturers comply with the Good Manufacturing Practices and conform to the standards prescribed for them.

(c) The quality of drugs imported into India is regulated through the system of registration and licensing of the overseas manufacturers and their products as provided under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetic Act and Rules made there under.

Medical care to poor people of Andhra Pradesh

60. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor people especially the minorities are not getting proper medical facilities in the remote areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the medical services to the poor people in Andhra Pradesh especially when the chikungunya like diseases spread?